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Applicant: Title of the Invention:

CANNING JAR STRAINER

## CLAIMS LISTING -SECOND MARKED-UP VERSION

Claim 1 (currently amended)

A canning jar strainer comprising a planar disk-shaped sheet material having:

- a plurality of incisions located circumferentially around the disk,
- ii. one or more crescent cutouts,
- iii. integral interlocking pull tabs,

Claim 2 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the firmness-in-material is greater than the upward pressure-exerted by buoyant foods-afloat-in-the-can-fluidsemi-resilient.

Claim 3 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of <u>either claims 1 and or 2</u> wherein the crescent cutouts are shaped to generally fit the profile of a conventional utensil spoon.

Claim 4 (currently amended)

The erescent-cutout-of-the-canning jar strainer of claim 3 wherein said crescent cutouts said cutout-serves both for straining and for lifting said disk out from a canning jar.

## Claim 5 (new)

The canning jar strainer of claim 1 wherein the pull tabs are partially cut out of the canning jar strainer with the exception of a narrow edge forming a hinge at which the pull tabs pivotally and integrally engage to the disk, and wherein the two tabs are formed to include a slot at the intersection of the central and outer portions thereof allowing said tabs to be interlocked to form an X arrangement.

## Claim 6 (currently amended)

The canning jar strainer of either claims 1 to through 4–5 wherein the utility thereof is to prevent buoyant foods from exposure to trapped air within a canning jar.

## REMARKS

In reference to the drawings, please note that the phrase "Prior Art" has been inserted where shown on the marked-up drawing sheets herein.

In reference to the claims listing, claim numbers 5 and 6 have been interchanged, and the new claim (5) underline has been removed.

Please enter these amendments on record.

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